

# ACTION TAKEN

## MIDDLETON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 7:00 PM

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1. 7:00 PM Warrant: #2107 **Approved 5-0**  
Minutes: Open Session: September 8, 2020 **Approved 5-0**  
Town Administrator updates and reports
  - As a reminder, Transfer Station stickers are no longer being sold in person at Memorial Hall. All sales are through the website or via mail. October 1 is the deadline for new stickers and this deadline will be strictly adhered to. Residents should get their applications in sooner rather than later to allow time for processing and mailing, to make sure you get your sticker in time.
  - Applications are available for property owners who wish to participate in the Senior and Veteran Tax Work-Off Program. We hope to be able to run the program this year; the trajectory of COVID will have a lot to say about it. Applications are available online and are due back By October 16
  - I mentioned recently that several of the properties associated with the former Candlelite Motel are scheduled for hearings with the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals recently approved the redevelopment of 329 North Main Street. It denied a special permit to legitimize the historic illegal residential use of the so-called Ginger Mill. I appreciate the Board of Appeals' action on that request and commend them for seeing through the owner's flimsy argument. I reached out to the owner's representative and extended an offer to again discuss potential redevelopment ideas for the properties. I am waiting to hear back.
  - We will talk about it when we do the bond paperwork under item 3. But it is worth noting that we recently held a ratings call with S & P Global. They gave us a bond rating of AA+ with a stable outlook. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rating available and indicates very strong credit worthiness and low risk of default to investors who invest in Middleton.
  - Our auditors, Roselli Clark & Associates were in last week to do the DY20 audit. They found no items of concern and have completed their work. I expect Tony Roselli may do his exit interview with the Board as soon as October.
2. 7:15 PM Public Comment Period **None**
3. 7:20 PM Review and vote to approve bond results and sign documents related to refunding 2008 Library bonds and borrowing for public works vehicles **Approved 5-0**
4. 7:30 PM Presentation of FY2020 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter report by Sarah Wood, Chief Financial Officer **Presentation**
5. 7:45 PM Review and vote on policy regarding meetings during the COVID State of Emergency **Approved 5-0**

6. 7:55 PM Review and vote to extend the Temporary Outdoor Dining Approvals beyond November 1, 2020 to a date not later than 60 days past the end of the state of emergency **Approved 5-0**
7. 8:00 PM Review correspondence from the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee requesting that its members be concurrently appointed as the Bylaw Review Committee; take relevant action **Review**
8. 8:10 PM Update on Police Chief search process **Update**
9. 8:20 PM Update on the Water Management Act withdrawal permit renewal and negotiations with Danvers to revise the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) governing the sharing of water resources **Update**
10. 8:30 PM Discuss a date for a Special Town Meeting and vote to open the warrant **Approved 5-0**
11. 8:40 PM Vote to accept the following donations and grants: Shared Streets & Spaces Grant in the amount of \$164,936.43 for Middleton Rail Trail and Traffic Calming **Approved 5-0**
12. 8:45 PM New Business: Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed **None**
13. 8:50 PM Executive Session: Pursuant to GL c. 30A, s. 21(a)(6) to consider an offer to purchase real property where discussing the matter in open session may have a detrimental effect on the Town.

Upcoming Meetings:   October 6 & 20: Regular BOS meetings  
                                  November 10 & 24: Regular BOS meetings

*The Board reserves the right to consider items on the agenda out of order. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

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